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SUBJECT: ITALIAN PRESS REACTION TO RUMOR VISITS

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1. WITH SOLE EXCEPTION OF PCI'S L'UNITA, ITALIAN PRESS REACTION TO RUMOR'S MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY WERE HANDLED IN ROUTINE MANNER FEATURED BY STRAIGHT REPORTING AND MNIMAL SPECULATION OR COMMENT. MEETINGS MIGHT HAVE RECEIVED MORE PLAY HAD NOT SECOND ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT AND RISING CONCERNS RE SPAIN DIVERTED THE SPOTLIGHT.
2. FLAVOR OF COVERAGE WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE, WITH RUMOR CITED AS HAVING FOUND PRESIDENT, "WELL UP TO DATE ON ITALIAN AFFAIRS" AND THE ATMOSPHERE "EXTREMELY CORDIAL".
3. PRESS HERE STRESSED RUMOR'S DUAL CAPACITY, GIVING MORE WEIGHT TO HIS CURRENT EC PRESIDENCY ROLE THAN TO BILATERAL ASPECT.
4. L'UNITA CAREFULLY IGNORED THE MEETINGS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL SEPT. 26 WHICH SEIZES A PHRASE FROM RUMOR'S WASHINGTON PRESS CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH ANOTHER POLEMIC ON "AMERICAN INTERFERENCE IN

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ITALIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS". NOTING THAT RUMOR DESCRIBED

PRESIDENT FORD'S VIEWS ON SUCH AFFAIRS AS STATED IN
TERMS OF "RESPECTFUL INTEREST", L'UNITA SPECULATES THAT
USG INTEREST IN ITALY COULD HARDLY BE THAT DISPASSIONATE.
AS EVIDENCE, L'UNITA CITES POLITICAL EVENTS IN THE
MEDITERRANEAN GENERALLY AND ITALY PARTICULARLY, PLUS
THE AMERICAN INTERVENTIONIST POLICIES, AS WITNESSED BY
FORD'S UNWILLINGNESS TO FORSWEAR SUCH ACTION IN SELECTED
INSTANCES ABROAD, AND BY AMBASSADOR VOLPE'S OPEN MEDDLING
IN ITALIAN POLITICS. WONDERING WHETHER THE FOREIGN
MINISTER HAD MENTIONED SUCH INTERFERENCE TO FORD, L'UNITA
NOTES RUMOR WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT THIS
WEEK WHEN HE MUST RESPOND TO PARLIAMENTARY INTERPELLATIONS
CONCERNING AMB. VOLPE'S EPOCA INTERVIEW. VOLPE

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